However, village Khutonna with census code No. 0040200 has been covered in the supplementary DPR of Madhubani district.

Sudyahi and Ghoonsahi villages have also not been covered in both these DPRs.

Autonomy to NTPC

1031. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give more powers to NTPC, to enable it compete with private sector corporate projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which additional financial powers would increase responsibility and accountability of NTPC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) NTPC Ltd. is a Navaratna Public Sector Undertaking which has been granted enhanced autonomy as per Navaratna guidelines. According to the existing delegation of powers applicable to Navaratna Companies, the ceiling on equity investment to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries in India or abroad shall be 15% of the net worth of the Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) in one project limited to Rs. 1000 crore and the overall ceiling on such investment in all projects put together shall be 30% of the net worth of the PSE. Government of India in November, 2006 had granted waiver of ceiling of Rs. 1000 crore for equity investment by NTPC Ltd. to establish financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries for the purpose of participating in the bidding of Ultra Mega Projects subject to the implementation of maximum of two projects.

(c) In the changing power sector scenario which is going through a massive expansion phase, NTPC Limited has to resort to the joint venture model for many of its projects to contribute to a substantial share of power generation in the country. The enhanced/additional financial delegated powers would further consolidate NTPC's position as the leading thermal power generation company in India and abroad. The responsibility and accountability of NTPC will also increase to the extent of the actual exercise of such additional financial powers.

Approval for Gundia Hydro Electric Project

1032. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of Gundia Hydro Electric Project in Hassan district of Karnataka is pending with the Central Electricity Authority for approval; and

(b) if so, the present status of the case and by when the approval to the project is likely to be accorded?